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REF: (A) JIDDA 4082; (B) STATE 131204; (C) JIDDA 4040;
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1. PROPOSED ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

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SUNDAY, JULY 24 - DAY 1 - ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C.

MONDAY, JULY 25 - DAY 2 - A.M., HEW AND SECY. CALIFANO'S
LUNCHEON; P.M., AID AT STATE OR HIS HOTEL

TUESDAY, JULY 26 - DAY 3 - A.M., NATL. EYE INSTITUTE AND
INTERNATIONAL EYE FOUNDATION; P.M., F.D.A., ROCKVILLE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 - DAY 4 - A.M., ARRIVE ATLANTA; ENTIRE DAY AT CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL; P.M., DINNER, CHARTER MEDICAL CORP.

THURSDAY, JULY 28 - DAY 5 - A.M., CHARTER MEDICAL; P.M., EMORY UNIV (PARAMEDICAL TRAINING); LEAVE ATLANTA, ARRIVE HOUSTON

FRIDAY, JULY 29 - DAY 6 - A.M., BAYLOR UNIV; P.M., HOSPITAL CORP. OF AMERICA (OR HOSPITAL AFFILIATES INC.)

SATURDAY, JULY 30 - DAY 7 - SAEM, ARAB-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (TENTATIVE)

SUNDAY, JULY 31 - DAY 8 - DR. DEBAKEY; LEAVE HOUSTON (P.M.) FOR SAN FRANCISCO (TENTATIVE)

MONDAY, AUGUST 1 - DAY 9 - KAISER CORP. ALL DAY, INCLUDING LUNCH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 - DAY 10 - A.M. OPEN; LUNCH WITH DR. CASPAR WEINBERGER (BECHTEL); P.M. LEAVE FOR MINNEAPOLIS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 - DAY 11 - AMERICAN HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPLY/ELLERBE CORP., ENTIRE DAY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 - DAY 12 - A.M., MAYO CLINIC, ROCHESTER; P.M., LEAVE FOR D.C. AFTER LUNCH
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 - DAY 13 - A.M., DEPT. OF COMMERCE FOR CALL ON SECRETARY KREPS; DEBRIEFING; LUNCH AT COMMERCE; P.M., DEBRIEFING AT HEW, WITH AID AND TREASURY (OSAA) PARTICIPATING (KREPS APPOINTMENT TENTATIVE)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 - DAY 14 - SIGHTSEEING; P.M., LEAVE D.C. FOR LONDON

2. PER REFTTEL (C) FDA HAPPY TO MEET WITH MINISTER, BUT TREASURY OFFICE OF SAUDI AFFAIRS WISHES TO REMIND EMBASSY THAT HEW-FDA AND TREASURY SIGNED CONSUMER PROTECTION PROJECT AGREEMENT WHICH DEPUTY MINISTER AL-;AMDAN, REPRESENTING THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, SIGNED LAST MONTH AT THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING. UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, FDA AND TREASURY WILL PROVIDE WIDE RANGE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO QUALITY CONTROL DIRECTORATE OF CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENT IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ANY ARRANGEMENT MADE WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH

AND FDA NOT DUPLICATE THESE ONGOING EFFORTS.

3. PER REFTEL (E) DEPARTMENT ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACCEPTS LAROCCO'S OFFER TO ACCOMPANY HEALTH MINISTER, AND REGARDS THIS CONTACT AS BENEFICIAL TO VISIT. LAROCCO WOULD HAVE TO PERFORM SOME ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS, SUCH AS HANDLING DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR MEALS AND HOTELS, AS WELL AS FACILITATING COMMERCIAL CONTACTS. HEW OFFICER, REPRESENTING HOSTING AGENCY, WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY TO PROVIDE MINISTER WITH ESCORT FAMILIAR WITH MEDICAL SERVICES AND EDUCATION FIELD.(LAROCCO ORDERS FOR PER DIEM AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL TO BE COVERED BY CU).

4. PER REFTEL (C) PARA 1(E), COMMERCE ADVISES THAT GENERAL MEDICAL SYSTEMS INC. IS SMALL COMPANY WITH 14 EMPLOYEES WHICH MANUFACTURES NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTS FOR LABORATORIES ONLY AND, FYI, CANNOT PROVIDE HOSPITALITY FOR MINISTER. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO, GARLAND, TEXAS, IS IN DALLAS METROPOLITAN AREA AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED INTO HOUSTON PROGRAM.

5. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT KIND OFFER OF HOSPITAL CORP. OF AMERICA, LOCATED IN NASHVILLE, TENN., BUT WILLING TO OFFER HOSPITALITY, ORGANIZE PROGRAM AND ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH DR. DEBAKEY AND HIS TEAM IN HOUSTON BE ACCEPTED. IF PROPOSED ROLE HOSPITAL CORP. OF AMERICA NOT APPROVED BY EMBASSY AND/OR MINISTER, SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE IS HOSPITAL AFFILIATES INC., A HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY, FOR PROGRAM SUPPORT IN HOUSTON. PLEASE ADVISE.

6A. PLEASE ADVISE PER REFTEL (B) PARA 6 WHETHER EMBASSY CAN PURCHASE ENTIRE TICKET SO WE CAN FORWARD FUNDING DATA AND OBLIGATION NUMBER.

6B. AS EMBASSY AWARE, U.S. FLAG CARRIERS MUST BE USED. CHRISTOPHER

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